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The Recompense.

When a student who has been brought up within the rather narrow confines of a small college is suddenly turned loose in a big university with all its advantages and possibilities opened up to him, there is an inevitable question which at once presents itself. Not definitely, in exact words, perhaps, but the trend is something like this: "What has the small college to offer in comparison to all this? Do the young people get a 'square deal' who are encouraged to cast their lot with the small institution? Do they really get what they go for, or is there money taken under false pretense? Is their time of preparation as profitably occupied as it would be in the school whose students are counted by the thousands?"

On the first thought, while the student will hardly admit it even to himself, it seems that the question almost answers itself in favor of the university. There is so much here as compared to the so little, from whence he came! Frankly, this is but a brief allusion to the writer's own experience, hence he will use the personal pronoun.

Weeks and some months have passed, during which I have been observing a few things. During this time I have gotten, in athletic parlance, my second wind. The advantages which I first noted are still in evidence, but with them are to be seen just as clearly some dis-

advantages which clearly point out and spell the word "RECOMPENSE" for the student in the small college.

Now I'm not attempting an ambitious treatment of the subject at all. I'm not going to attempt it from the muchly taken point of view of "Christianity and Culture," though a very proper one it is. Neither will I wax eloquent on the returns from the close communion with the personality of the instructor—for I may want to teach again in Pacific College some of these times. Those are my "nots" and my "don'ts." What I do intend to do is merely to recall briefly what have seemed to me to be some of the vital interests of the average student; the student which is neither brilliant on the one hand nor hopelessly dull on the other—he who has anywhere from one to four talents, but who is just as anxious to put them to the best use as is the fellow who has five.

Here is the first thing which impressed me. In a student body of 3000 young people, the college activities are in the hands of a very small minority. It can't be otherwise. In every department there are a few students especially brilliant, who stand in the limelight. They represent the university. They make up the debating societies, the literary clubs and various similar organizations. In athletics, only those of special ability can be considered as really counting. There are honor societies for the blue ribbon students, and fraternities for the socially gifted and popular, but what is there for the common, every day, plodding student? Echo answers, "What?"

He can work hard, it is true, and gets a good education, if education consists wholly in hearing lectures and reading books. This is about all there is to it for the great mass of students. For them there is none of

that student life and activity which consists in being in the midst of things, and which makes the retrospect of college days so pleasant. They board somewhere in town, go up to the university to their lectures, and straightway return to their rooms. They probably do not get acquainted with their next neighbors in class. They are in the university and get out of it.

Turn for contrast to the small college. It takes practically all the students to "man" the various activities. "There's a work for me and a work for you," and all we who have in anyway participated in this work which is apart from the class room, know that it is in itself a practical education which cannot be supplied by text book. In the university the accomplished and aggressive students make up the membership of the societies of a literary nature, to the practical exclusion of many who need the training most. In the small school there is a place for the average student, probably a little backward and all the more in need of the work, who is given just the encouragement he needs to get him started in the direction of cultivating ability which does not first offer. Beginning by tremulously seconding a motion to adjourn in the old literary society, he becomes a member of the college debating team.

A great deal more could be said of the much greater chance which the boy or girl in the small institution has of becoming an efficient, all round college man or woman. I have in mind as I write young men and women, who in a large university would never have been noticed. On the other hand, in the college, their abilities, moderate to begin with, have been recognized, they have been chosen to positions of responsibility, in which their talents were developed, and often times in

inter-collegiate relations they have won honors and standing which would never have been theirs in the large institution.

Much is usually said of the learned professors which grace university faculty chairs. Generally a man of some renown is at the head of the department, but often has under him some men of very ordinary ability. And often, even with the ability, they reel off their lectures in a monotonous, hum drum manner, indicating how thoroughly a business proposition it is with them. Scholarship in a professor is certainly to be desired, but without its compliment of enthusiasm it is dry bones to the student and just about as nourishing.

As a rule it is a cold blooded proposition too. By which I mean that when the student gets behind and a little discouraged with his work, he is ruthlessly "cinched out," as the phrase is here. This is a beautiful exemplification of the practical working of the law of the survival of the fittest. However a little attention and sympathy which can be shown in the smaller institutions often helps to make a worthy student thoroughly fit to survive.

Three days in the week at eleven o'clock in the morning the trumpeter gives the call for "military duty" to which all the lower classmen are subject. Now there is a good deal of romance connected with blue uniforms, swords and brass buttons, but when day after day the awkward Freshmen are put laboriously through their steps, shouldering arms and perfunctorily trying to assume a militant demeanor, marching hither and thither on a hot day at the beck and call of an upper classman martinet, it is easy to see that the poetry becomes prose. But this is what the young fel-

low is up against when he enters this university at least, and as with mingled emotions of amusement and repugnance, I have at different times watched the tiresome, tedious, serious drill of this student soldiery, I have tried to imagine some of my old college chums and myself valiantly and sweet-spiritedly throwing ourselves upon our country's altar by submitting to being put through these brave military paces three hours per week!

In a university such as this there is not that unity of action and feeling which makes for that indescribable something which is called college loyalty and college spirit. True, when the big game comes off and on similar occasions there is a great desire to see California win, but college spirit is more than this. Without the bonds to draw students close together in every day student life, there cannot be that intense loyalty to an institution which is not only indispensable to the best interests of the school itself, but also a priceless heritage to those who learn to know what real college loyalty is. I see hundreds of students here who don't know and never will know what the term means. And how can they? To them college is nothing but attending lectures and taking examinations. They have no part in its many activities, literary and social. They seldom attend the public university functions. They are never made to feel that their college needs them as they do it. In short, they don't count, except on the university register. To be sure there are some such students in the small college, more's the pity. But in the latter case, the fault lies wholly with the student, and not with the hard circumstances in which he finds himself.

But enough for the present. These are a few of

the thoughts which have been taking shape with me here and I pass them on with the thought that they may give encouragement to some student who may be laboring under the delusion that there isn't much worth while

"'Neath Pacific College banner
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As for the writer,

"Close beside Chehalem's Mountain
Is the college we adore.
Where she stands we'll ne'er forget it
Near the old Willamette's banks
And in years we'll ne'er regret it
That we entered in her ranks."

WALTER C. WOODWARD.

University of California, Dec, 12, 1907.

P. C. 33 Vs. McMinnville 27.

In a game somewhat marred by an over officious referee, the Quakers defeated the Baptists on the home floor December 13, by the score of 33-27.

One commendable feature of the game was its being called but a few minutes after the scheduled time, which is quite a novelty in Newberg. Another was the fact that the town band was out in uniform and performed their part of the program in a royal manner.

During the first half the whistle of the referee blew so often and so much time was consumed in getting the ball in from the outside that the home team didn't get warmed up. Though Pacific got seven field goals against four for Mac the latter led at the end of the half by a score of 16-15.

The second half was a repetition of the first, only a little worse. Not satisfied with calling fouls catalogued

in the rule book, the referee introduced some of his own, but in spite of the fact that he had a man that rarely missed from the foul line he was unable to keep up with the home team and the half ended 18-10, making the total score of 33 to 27 in our favor.

Mac put up a good, clean game, and the men on the team deserve credit for their sportsmanlike conduct and should they decide to play under men's rules, they would undoubtedly develop into a winning team.

Following is the lineup:

P. C.		McM.
Hammer	F	R. McKee
F. Mills	F	Foster
Hadlock	C	E. McKee
R. Mills (capt)	G	Richardson
Lewis	G	McCabe

Conscience.

Conscience, what art thou? thou tremendous power!
Who dost inhabit us without our leave;
And art within ourselves, another self,
A master-self, that loves to domineer,
And treat the monarch frankly as the slave;
How dost thou light a torch to distant deeds?
Make the past, present, and the future frown?
How, ever and anon, awake the soul,
As with a peal of thunder, to strange horrors,
In this long restless dream, which idiots hug,
Nay, wise men flatter with the name of life.

—YOUNG.

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The best Christmas present you can present to your college is to bring a new student back with you upon your return.

The editors of the Crescent wish to urge the members of the alumni to use this publication as a medium to keep us posted upon the alumni news that comes under their notice. It is only by their friends and former classmates that we are able to secure news of their whereabouts and we urge more attention given to this department that the Crescent may keep in closer touch with those out of college.

With the next term comes two events of importance

to Pacific College. One is the choosing of the college orator and the other is selecting the debate team. The orator is to be selected from the six orators included in the local contest, while the debate work is open to all members of both the preparatory and college departments. The training in literary societies is not enough and one of the greatest accomplishments secured in college is the ability to express one's self with ease and power. Valuable training is offered along this line in debate. It is a privilege that the students possess and we hope that many will turn out to uphold last year's debate record. Now is a good time to begin reading on the subject and if anyone asks you during the Christmas holidays if you are going to "debate," answer "yes"

Locals.

Some of the students from the vicinity of Sherwood seem to have difficulty in finding Newberg and have spent the day in different stations along the line.

The anniversary of the birth of Whittier the Quaker poet was fittingly observed in chapel. Prof. Jones read a brief biography of the great bard and Miss Andrews and Miss Lewis read some of his poems.

The girls of the Y. W. C. A. recently held a candy and pennant sale from which they netted a snug sum for the support of their work.

Mrs. O. K. Edwards recently sang several selections in chapel and chose her selections from some typical American music. Mrs. Edwards was formerly musical director of the college and her visit was much appreciated by the students.

A number of rooters journeyed to Portland with the basket ball team to aid in battling against the M. A. A. C.

It is reported that Riley has hay fever. This reminds us of the fellow who couldn't pass a grass widow without sneezing.

Mr. Rhodes, the Y. M. C. A. secretary, led the last meeting of the term. He spent the day among the students in the interests of Y. M. C. A. work.

There has been added to the library a set of books on the world's famous oratory. It contains the most famous orations and is edited by Wm. J. Bryan.

It is not strange to miss umbrellas and overshoes from the lobbies but it is surprising that anyone should carry off all the chapel bibles.

Miss Myrtle Hannon, a student at Willamette, is spending vacation at the dormitory with her mother and sister.

Things are quiet at the dormitory as most of the students are spending their vacation at home.

The basket ball team was defeated December 26 by the East Side Athletic Association. Score 28-16.

Prof. Withal, of Yacolt, Washington, spent Christmas at the dormitory, the guest of Mrs. Hannon.

Students remaining in Newberg are spending part of their vacation comparing term grades.

Claude Lewis was not able to play basket ball December 26 on account of sickness. Falley Rassmus-played in his place.

The matron has pronounced Prof. Newlin's case as incurable. Even nine o'clock breakfasts are too early for him.

Alumni Notes.

Hervey M. Hoskins, '99, has been given the appointment of postmaster at McMinnville. While this appointment is one of honor and good salary, yet it is only a recognition of merit, as Mr. Hoskins is a conscientious hard working young man. In addition to a year spent in post graduate work at Pacific College, he graduated from Haverford College in 1903. In the estimation of his friends his appointment demonstrates the truth that thorough scholarship and preparation will win.

Miss Lenora Parker, '06, has been spending the past two months visiting her friends and relatives in Indiana. She reports a most excellent time. Knowing her sunny disposition it goes without saying that those with whom she has associated back in the Hoosier state have enjoyed her visit as much as she.

The many friends of Harley S. Britt, '97, are glad to see him about Newberg again for a short stay. Since completing a course in civil engineering at the University of California, he is steadily pushing to the front in his chosen profession. He is spending the month of December at home, thus enjoying a well earned vacation. During the past eighteen months Mr. Britt has been working with the Allis-Chalmers Construction Company of Milwaukee, Wis. He is filling the responsible position of erecting engineer.

Miss Clara Vaughan and Jessie Britt, both of the class of '99, write from Lexington, Oregon that they are enjoying their work. The former is engaged as teacher in the public school of that place, while the latter is teaching music and physical culture, dividing her time between Lexington and Heppner, making

regular trips by stage between the two places, and as the stage coach is drawn by steeds which are none too docile, each trip is interesting and full of adventure. It is not wonderful that Miss Britt enjoys such diversion. She is pleased with the surroundings as she always manifested a weakness for "The call of the Wild."

Rollin W. Kirk, '98, enjoys the distinction of being principal of the Newberg public and High School, the largest school in Yamhill county. This makes his seventh year in the same position and under his efficient management the school has developed in every line to such an extent that it is second to none in Oregon outside of Portland, either in respect to the high school or to the grades, hence it reflects great credit to Mr. Kirk who has raised it to the present high standing.

Miss Bertha Cox, '00, in addition to being employed by California Yearly Meeting as missionary in Alaska, also fills a government appointment as teacher in that field. Very good reports of her work are received.

Walter C. Woodward, '98, is pursuing work this year in the University of California. A recent number of the Daily Californian, the university paper, contains a very complimentary writeup of the assistance he gave the winning team of the Freshmen-Sophomore debate. Knowing his affinity for that kind of work, we are not surprised that Walter got busy when there was debate or oratory, nor with his experience is it strange that he should make good. Miss Bernice Woodward '06 is also attending the university and assisting in making the home life pleasant for her brother Walter.

Walter B. Hadley, '01, who is in the employ of the government, working in the Forestry Department at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, married Miss Ambia Dan-

iels of McMinnville, the last of October.

Miss Agnes Hammer, '03, was married September 28, to Mr. Eskelson and will be at home to their friends at Lexington, Oregon, where her husband is a prosperous farmer.

Miss Clara Newby, '01, was married the latter part of November to Mr. Lewis Dobbins, of Marshaltown, Iowa, which place will be their future home.

The Crescent joins with the many friends of the three members of the alumni mentioned above, in wishing them prosperous and happy lives. May their success as home-makers be characterized by the same spirit of faithfulness as was their school life while at Pacific College, as indicated by the college records.

Class Oratorical Contests.

Considerable interest has been shown in the class contests, which occurred during the last two weeks of the term just closed. All the contests were public this year, and we believe, after having tried both ways, that public recitals are more satisfactory than those given only before judges.

All the classes delivered their orations before good audiences in the college chapel. We are convinced that the public did not attend out of idle curiosity when they came two of the four evenings in a regular blizzard.

As a whole, the orations this year were good and showed considerable preparation. In the local contest the classes will be represented as follows: Freshmen, Miss Beulah Spaulding; Sophomores, Miss Laura Hammer; Juniors, Haines Burgess and Roy Mills; Seniors, Alice Hayes and Harry Maxfield.



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